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AMCONSUL GUADALAJARA

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TAGS: ASEC, PFOR, MX

SUBJECT: PRESS BRIEFINGS ON LEONHARDY KIDNAPPING

FOLLOWING ARE PERTINENT QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS FROM STATE
DEPARTMENT NOON PRESS BRIEFING MAY 8:

Q CAN YOU GIVE ME YOUR LATEST AND PERHAPS FINAL ASSESS-
MENT OF THE MEXICAN GOVERNMENT' S NEGOTIATIONS OVER
LEONHARDY' S RELEASE?

A I WILL GIVE YOU THE SHORT VERSION, IN VIEW OF THE HOUR.
FIRST, WE ARE DELIGHTED, EXTREMELY DELIGHTED, TO HAVE MR.
LEONHARDY BACK WITH HIS FAMILY AND COLLEAGUES, SAFE AND
WELL. I SUPPOSE THE SHORT ANSWER TO YOUR QUESTION, IS TO
RECALL FOR YOU WHAT I SAID HERE YESTERDAY, WHICH CAME IN
TWO PARTS, AS YOU WILL RECALL.

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Q. YES, THINGS AREN' T AS PRECARIOUS AS THEY WERE YESTER-
DAY. AND I WONDERED IF YOU HAD ANYTHING FURTHER TO SAY.
I AM FAMILIAR WITH WHAT YOU SAID YESTERDAY. NOW MR.
LEONHARDY IS SAFE AND WELL, AND I WOULD THINK SOME RE-
STRAINTS THAT YOU MAY HAVE HAD ON YOUR EXPRESSIONS YESTERDAY
ARE NOW RELAXED, AND YOU MIGHT PERHAPS HAVE FURTHER THINGS
TO SAY TO US ON THE WAY THE MEXICAN GOVERNMENT HANDLED
THIS MATTER.

A. NO -- ACTUALLY.

Q. WAS ANY RANSOM PAID?

A. I THINK THAT IS A QUESTION YOU WILL HAVE TO DIRECT
TO THE MEXICAN GOVERN

C. TOTAL INCREASED ALLOWANCES COST (SEE PARA. A & B)

QUARTERS DOLS 341

POST DOLS 515

TOTAL 856

D. MISSION TOTAL INCREASED A- LOWANCES COST (MISSION
TEL-2124)

QUARTERS DOLS 1,254

POST DOLS 1,029

TOTAL 2,283

6. MISSION REQUESTED RE- COMPUTE COSTS ON BASIS ABOVE FOR-
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